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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Meals on Wheels for  
5       Kids Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONGREGATE MEAL SERVICE REQUIREMENT.**

2 Section 13 of the Richard B. Russell National School  
3 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1761) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the  
5 following:

6 “(13) OFF-SITE CONSUMPTION.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later  
8 than 1 year after the date of the enactment of  
9 this subparagraph, the Secretary shall make  
10 available an option to States to provide pro-  
11 gram meals to children under this section  
12 through service institutions that provide off-site  
13 consumption.

14 “(B) AVAILABILITY.—In administering  
15 this paragraph, the Secretary shall ensure that  
16 off-site consumption is only available to a child  
17 if—

18 “(i) the child is determined to be eligi-  
19 ble for a free or reduced price lunch under  
20 this Act and a free or reduced price break-  
21 fast under section 4 of the Child Nutrition  
22 Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773); and

23 “(ii) not less than 1 of the conditions  
24 described in subparagraph (C) is present.

1           “(C) CONDITIONS.—The conditions re-  
2           ferred to in subparagraph (B)(ii) are the fol-  
3           lowing:

4                   “(i) The child lives in a rural area or  
5                   hard-to-reach area.

6                   “(ii) The child lives in an area in  
7                   which poor economic conditions exist.

8                   “(iii) The program is available to the  
9                   child at a congregate feeding site but—

10                           “(I) the site is closed due to ex-  
11                           treme weather conditions;

12                           “(II) the site is not reasonably  
13                           accessible to the child, as determined  
14                           by the Secretary;

15                           “(III) violence or other public  
16                           safety concerns in the area prevent  
17                           the child from traveling safely to the  
18                           site; or

19                           “(IV) the site is open not more  
20                           than 4 days a week.

21           “(D) ADMINISTRATION.—In administering  
22           this paragraph, the Secretary shall ensure  
23           that—

24                   “(i) any meal served by a service in-  
25                   stitution through off-site consumption

1 meets the same standards for safety and  
2 quality as a meal served at a congregate  
3 feeding site; and

4 “(ii) each State gives priority to a  
5 child living in an area in which a con-  
6 gregate feeding site is not reasonably ac-  
7 cessible, as determined by the Secretary.

8 “(E) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 1 year  
9 after the date of the enactment of this subpara-  
10 graph, the Secretary shall—

11 “(i) establish guidelines to ensure the  
12 safety of children provided program meals  
13 through off-site consumption; and

14 “(ii) establish best practices to ensure  
15 the safety of meals served through off-site  
16 consumption.”; and

17 (2) in subsection (n)—

18 (A) by striking “and (6)” and inserting  
19 “(6)”; and

20 (B) by striking the period at the end and  
21 inserting “; and (7) the plans of the State for  
22 using off-site consumption described in sub-  
23 section (a)(13), if applicable.”.

1 **SEC. 3. FOOD SERVICE DELIVERY PILOT PROGRAM FOR**  
2 **SUMMER MONTHS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (i) of section 13 of the  
4 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
5 1761) is amended to read as follows:

6 “(i) FOOD SERVICE DELIVERY PILOT PROGRAM.—

7 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-  
8 tablish a pilot program under which the Secretary  
9 shall award grants on a competitive basis to States  
10 to enter into contracts with eligible service institu-  
11 tions or a consortia of eligible service institutions to  
12 deliver meals in accordance with paragraph (5).

13 “(2) APPLICATION.—A State seeking a grant  
14 under this subsection shall submit an application to  
15 the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and  
16 containing such information as the Secretary may  
17 require.

18 “(3) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this  
19 subsection, the Secretary may give priority to appli-  
20 cations submitted by eligible service institutions—

21 “(A) from States with—

22 “(i) high low-income child popu-  
23 lations; or

24 “(ii) high child populations in rural  
25 areas or hard-to-reach areas; or

1           “(B) that plans to provide educational en-  
2           richment opportunities to children who receive  
3           meals under the pilot program.

4           “(4) CONDITIONS.—As a condition of receiving  
5           a grant under this subsection, a State shall—

6           “(A) require that any service institution  
7           with which the State enters into a contract to  
8           provide meals pursuant to this subsection—

9           “(i) complies with the nutrition re-  
10          quirements under section 9(a)(1)(A) of the  
11          Richard B. Russell National School Lunch  
12          Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(a)(1)(A)) with re-  
13          spect to such meals; and

14          “(ii) delivers at least 5 meals a week  
15          during the non-school summer months to  
16          children in accordance with paragraph (5);

17          “(B) in selecting service institutions to  
18          enter in to a contract pursuant to this sub-  
19          section, give priority to service institutions lo-  
20          cated in rural areas or hard-to-reach areas; and

21          “(C) provide matching support in the form  
22          of cash or in-kind contributions, including fa-  
23          cilities, equipment, or services provided by the  
24          State in an amount that is at least equal to 100

1 percent of the amount of Federal funds received  
2 under the grant under this subsection.

3 “(5) USE OF FUNDS.—

4 “(A) REQUIRED USE OF FUNDS.—A State  
5 that receives a grant under this subsection shall  
6 use the grant funds to enter into one or more  
7 contracts with one or more service institutions  
8 to deliver meals during the summer months di-  
9 rectly to children who—

10 “(i) are eligible—

11 “(I) to participate in the summer  
12 food service program under this sec-  
13 tion; or

14 “(II) for free or reduced price  
15 lunch under this Act or free or re-  
16 duced price breakfast under section 4  
17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966  
18 (42 U.S.C. 1773); and

19 “(ii) live in a rural area or hard-to-  
20 reach area.

21 “(B) PERMISSIBLE USE OF FUNDS.—A  
22 State that receives a grant under this sub-  
23 section may use the grant funds to provide to  
24 children described in subparagraph (A) meals

1 during extended school breaks or closures the  
2 duration of which is greater than 5 school days.

3 “(6) OVERSIGHT AND EVALUATION.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
5 provide for an independent evaluation of the  
6 services carried out under paragraph (5) that  
7 measures, to the maximum extent practicable,  
8 the impact of such grants on the reduction of  
9 hunger and access to meals for children resid-  
10 ing in rural or hard-to-reach areas and low-in-  
11 come areas during summer months.

12 “(B) PROGRAM REVIEW.—Not later than  
13 18 months after the date on which grants are  
14 first provided under this subsection, and annu-  
15 ally thereafter, the Secretary shall—

16 “(i) review and evaluate the effective-  
17 ness of the services carried out under para-  
18 graph (5);

19 “(ii) suggest alternative services not  
20 offered by a grant recipient that would be  
21 appropriate for providing summer meals to  
22 children in rural or hard-to-reach areas;

23 “(iii) submit to the Committee on Ag-  
24 riculture of the House of Representatives,  
25 the Committee on Education and Labor of



1 the House of Representatives and the  
2 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and  
3 Forestry of the Senate, a report containing  
4 the results of the review conducted under  
5 clause (i) and a description of the services  
6 provided through the programs funded  
7 under such a grant; and

8 “(iv) make the report described in  
9 clause (iii) available on the public website  
10 of the Department of Agriculture.

11 “(C) PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFOR-  
12 MATION.—In making the report under subpara-  
13 graph (B)(iii) publicly available, the Secretary  
14 shall ensure that such report does not contain  
15 any information that would identify any child or  
16 parent, family member, or guardian of a child  
17 who received services pursuant to this sub-  
18 section.

19 “(7) SUNSET.—The authority to carry out this  
20 subsection shall terminate on the date that is 3  
21 years after the date of the enactment this sub-  
22 section.

23 “(8) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In  
24 addition to amounts made available under subsection  
25 (r), there is authorized to be appropriated to carry

1 out this subsection \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2020  
2 and each of the 2 fiscal years thereafter.

3 “(9) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

4 “(A) RURAL AREA.—The term ‘rural area’  
5 means any area other than—

6 “(i) a city or town that has a popu-  
7 lation of greater than 50,000 inhabitants;  
8 and

9 “(ii) any urbanized area contiguous  
10 and adjacent to a city or town described in  
11 clause (i).

12 “(B) STATE.—The term ‘State’ includes  
13 each Federally-recognized Indian Tribe.”.